



Background Briefing

ATTORNEY GENERAL

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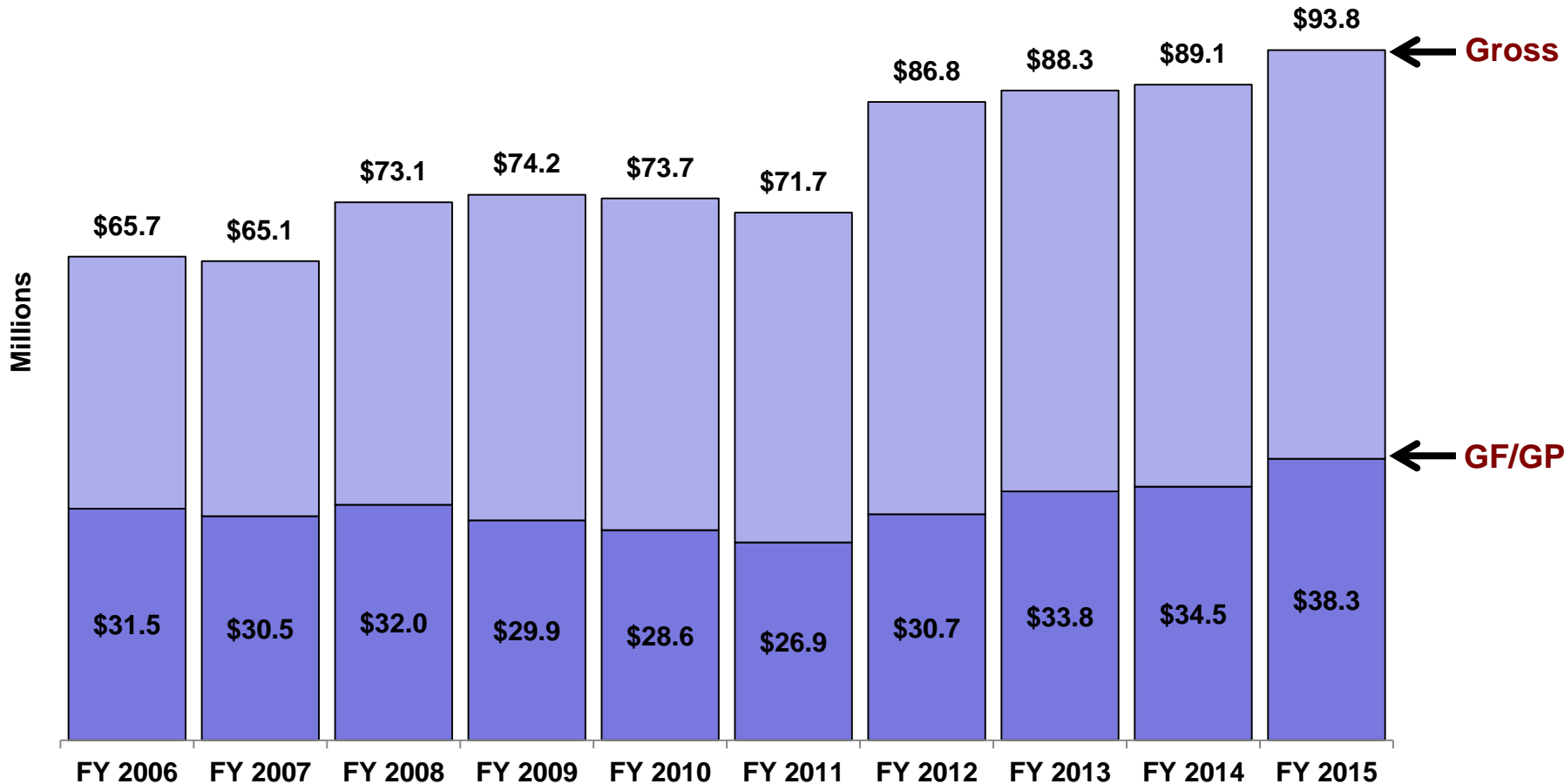
Department of Attorney General

- The Attorney General's powers are prescribed by the Constitution and further delineated by statute and case law.

- The Attorney General:
 - Serves as legal counsel for state departments, agencies, boards, commissions, and their officers.
 - Defends the state in court.
 - Serves as the chief law enforcement officer of the state.
 - Brings actions and intervenes in cases on the state's behalf.
 - Issues legal opinions that have the force of law until reversed by legislative or judicial action.

Attorney General: Gross Appropriations

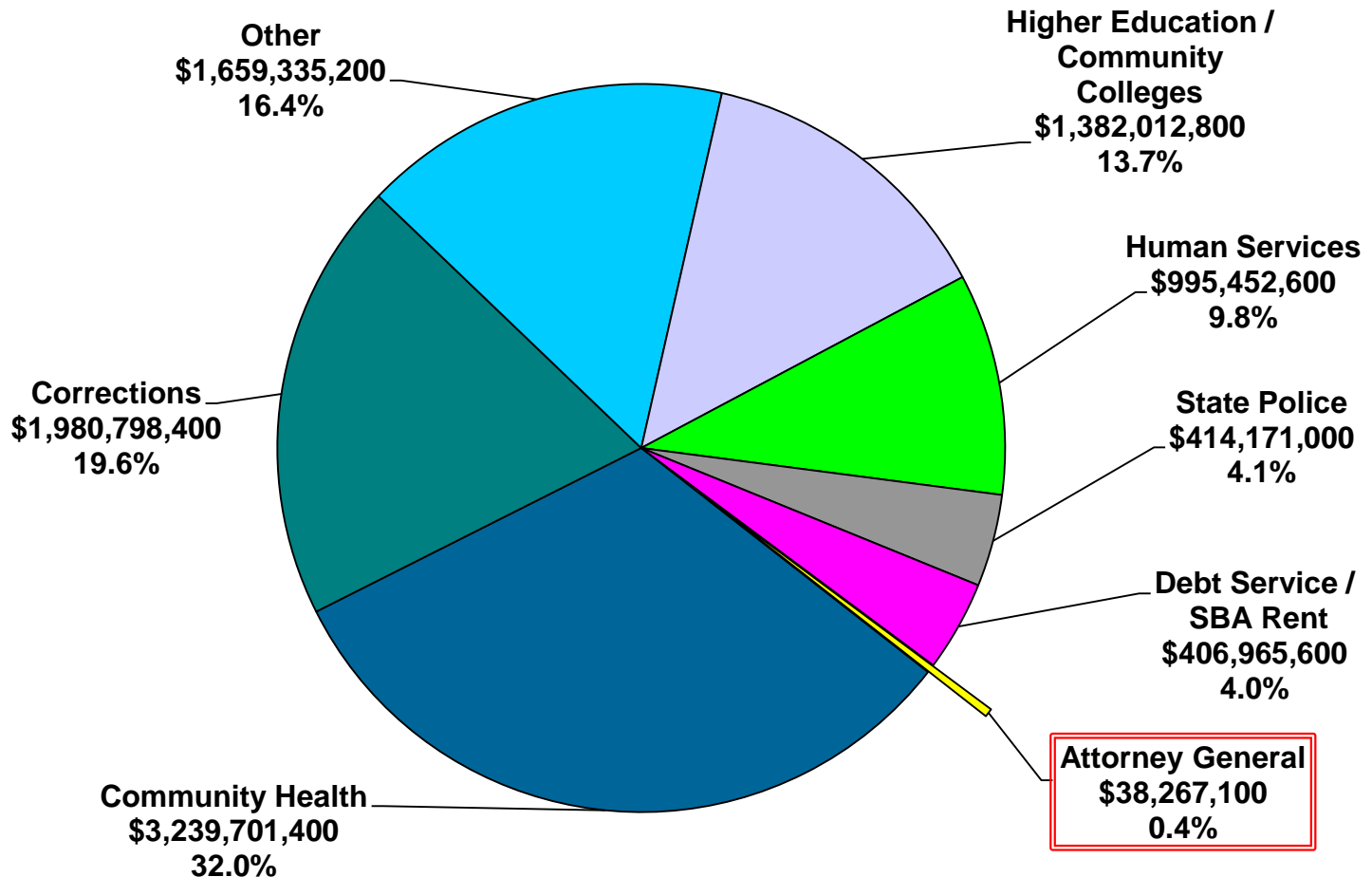
Spending increases have been primarily due to economic adjustments, while decreases have been due to budget reductions. Increase in **FY 2012** was due primarily to the pre-funding of retiree health care and the inclusion of funds awarded to the state under the joint state-federal foreclosure settlement. Increase in **FY 2015** was due primarily to the one-time appropriation for sexual assault prosecutions.



Attorney General Share of State GF/GP

Attorney General makes up 0.38% of the total state GF/GP budget

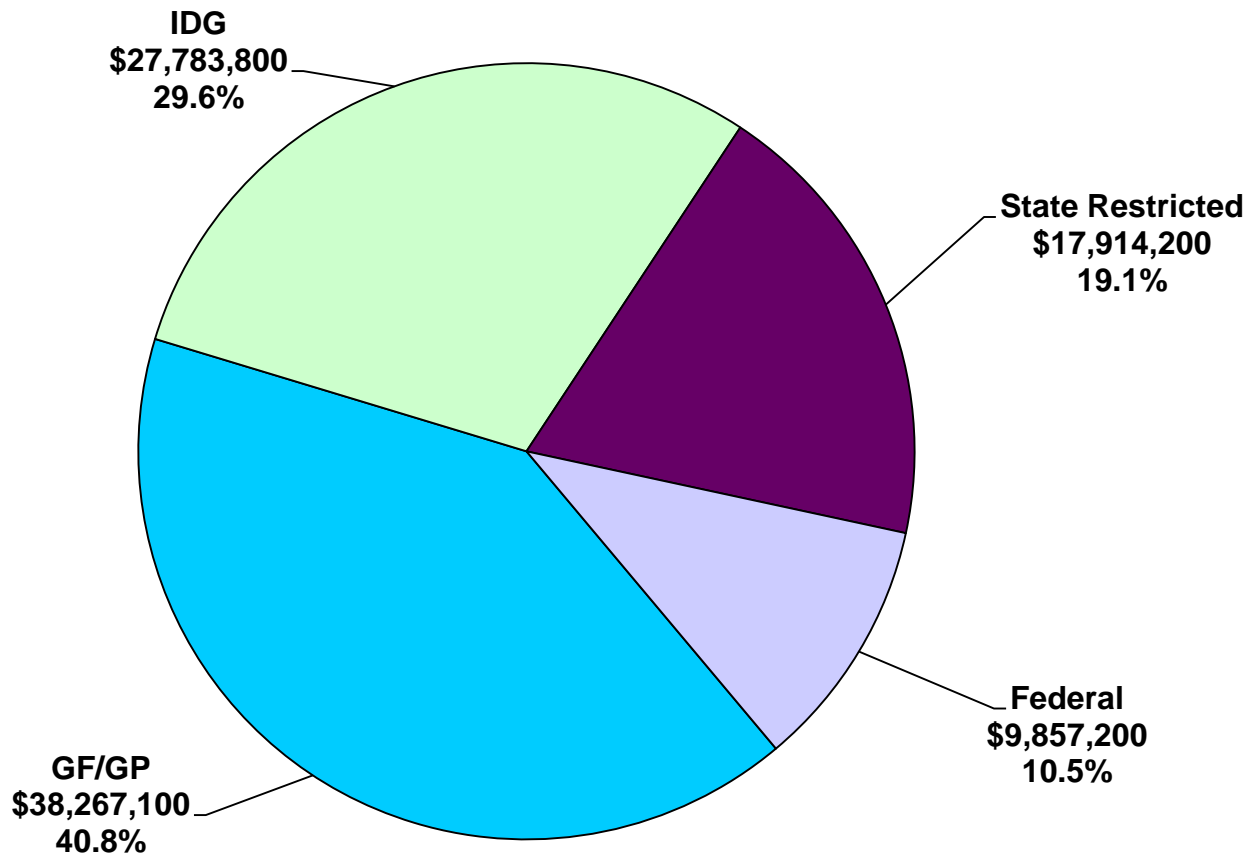
FY 2014-15 GF/GP Total = \$10,116,704,100



SOURCES OF FUNDING

Attorney General Funding Sources

**FY 2014-15 Attorney General Budget = \$93,822,300
(Includes one-time appropriation of \$3,000,000)**



DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Attorney General Appropriations

- **Department operations (\$82.1 million, 475.5 FTEs)**
 - Personnel and operational costs associated with executive administration and providing legal advice and representation for state departments. Funded primarily through interdepartmental grants and restricted fund sources from the departments and programs benefiting from the services.

- **Child Support Division (\$3.4 million, 25.0 FTEs)**
 - Personnel and operational costs associated with child support enforcement activities. Supported primarily from federal funds.

- **Prosecuting Attorneys Coordinating Council (\$2.1 million, 12.0 FTEs)**
 - Supported primarily through GF/GP funds.

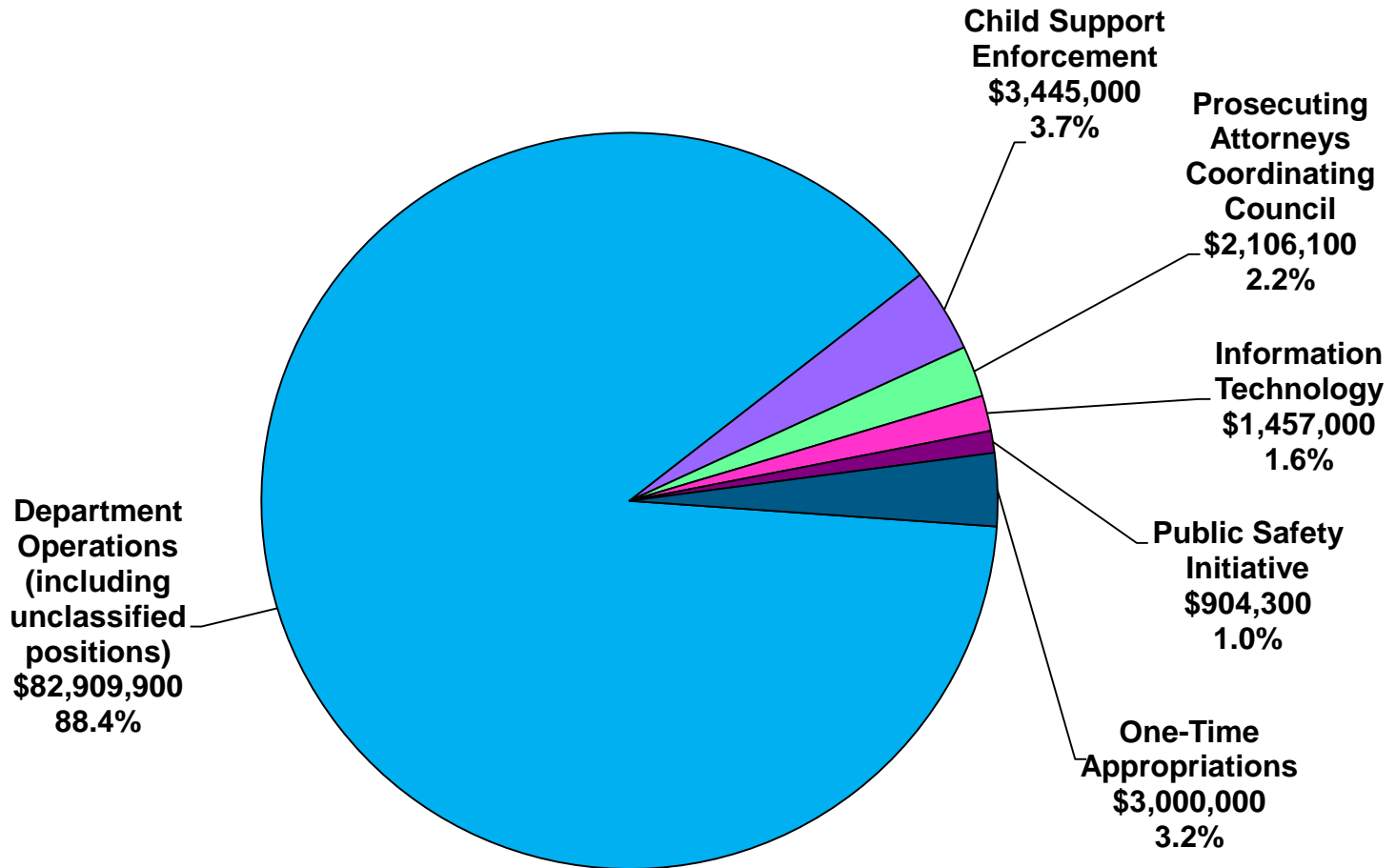
- **Information technology (\$1.5 million)**
 - IT-related services and projects that support department activities; administered by the Department of Technology, Management, and Budget.

- **Public Safety Initiative (\$904,300, 1.0 FTE)**
 - Prosecutorial assistance for selected high-crime areas.

- **One-Time Appropriations (\$3 million)**
 - Provides financial assistance for prosecutors proceeding due to test results from rape kits discovered by the state police upon closure of the Detroit crime laboratory.

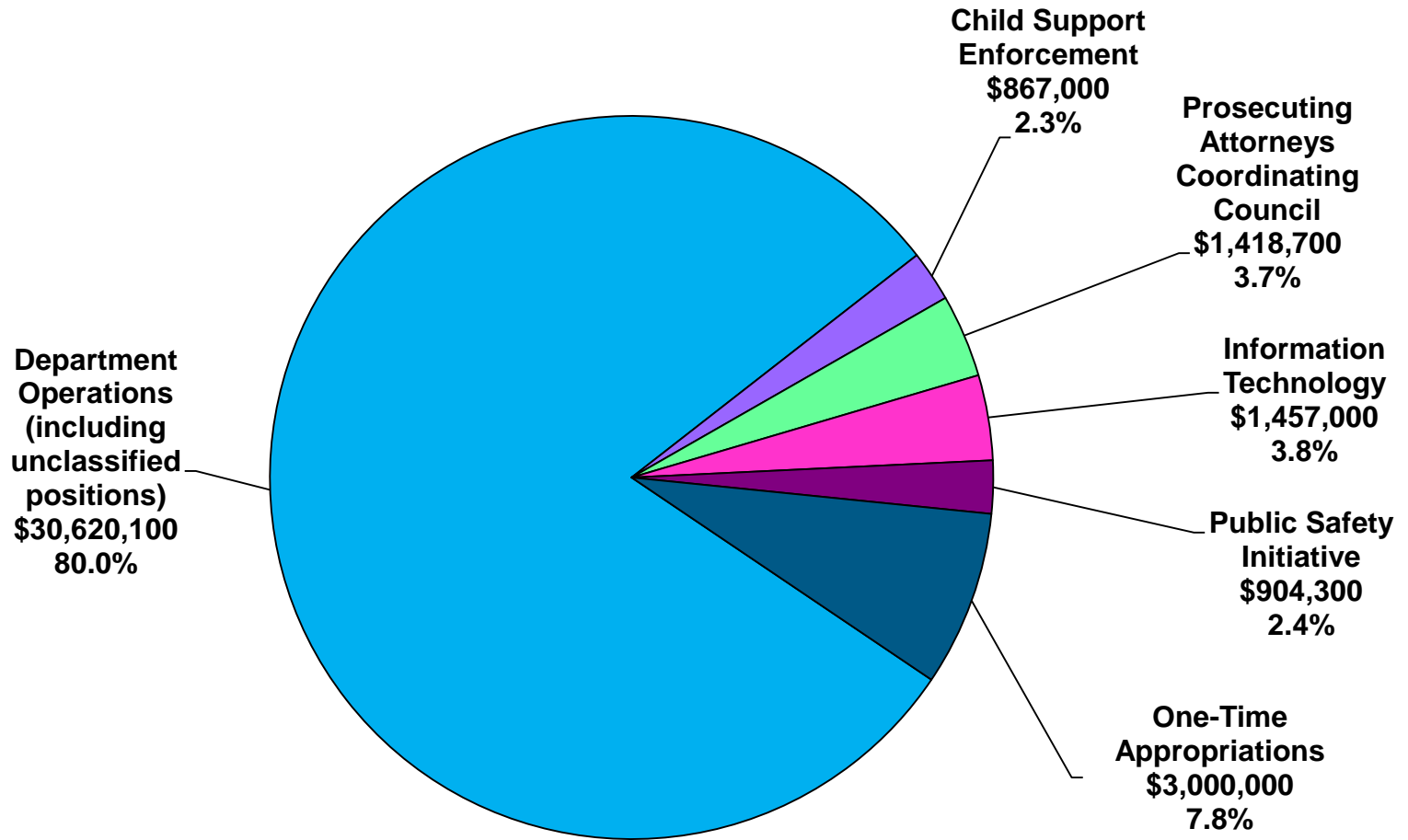
Attorney General Appropriations

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Attorney General Appropriations

FY 2014-15 Attorney General GF/GP Budget = \$38,267,100
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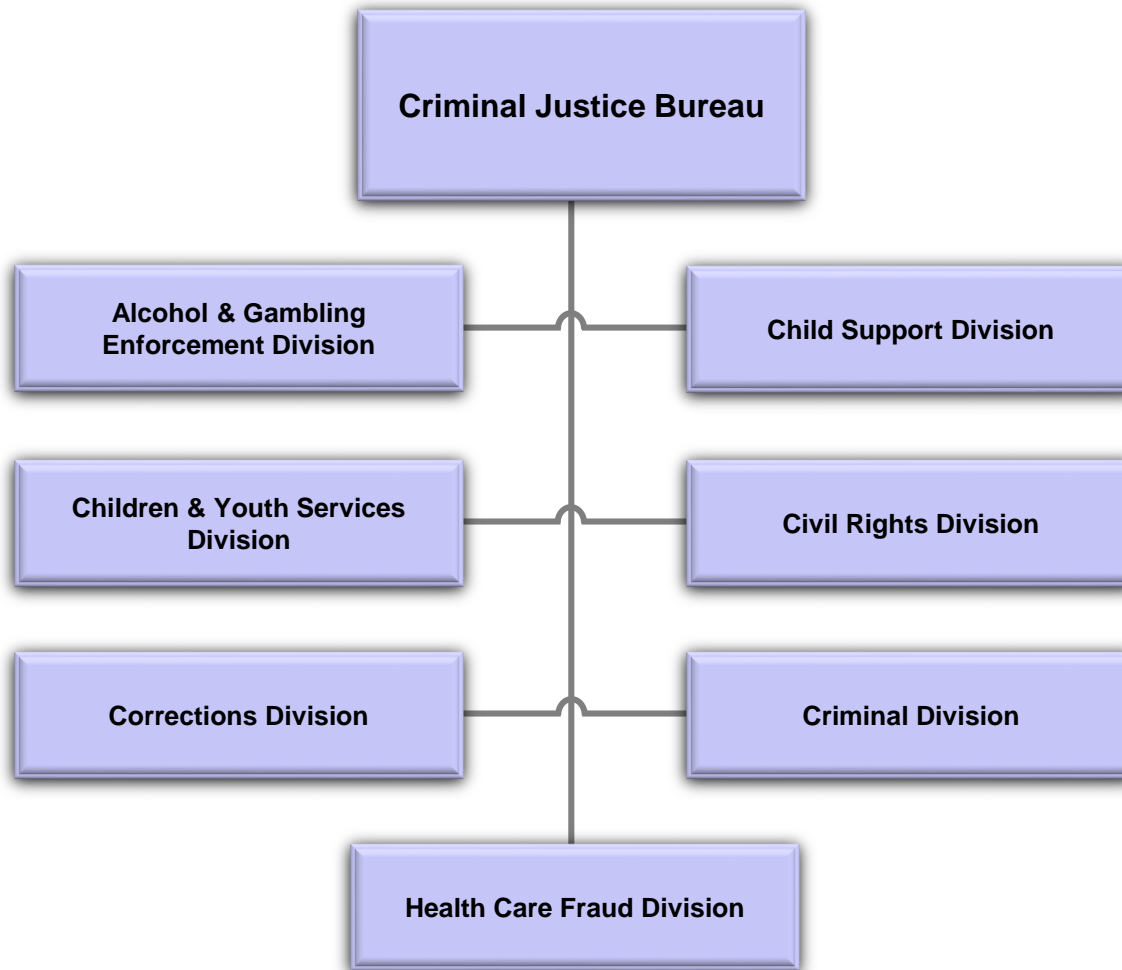


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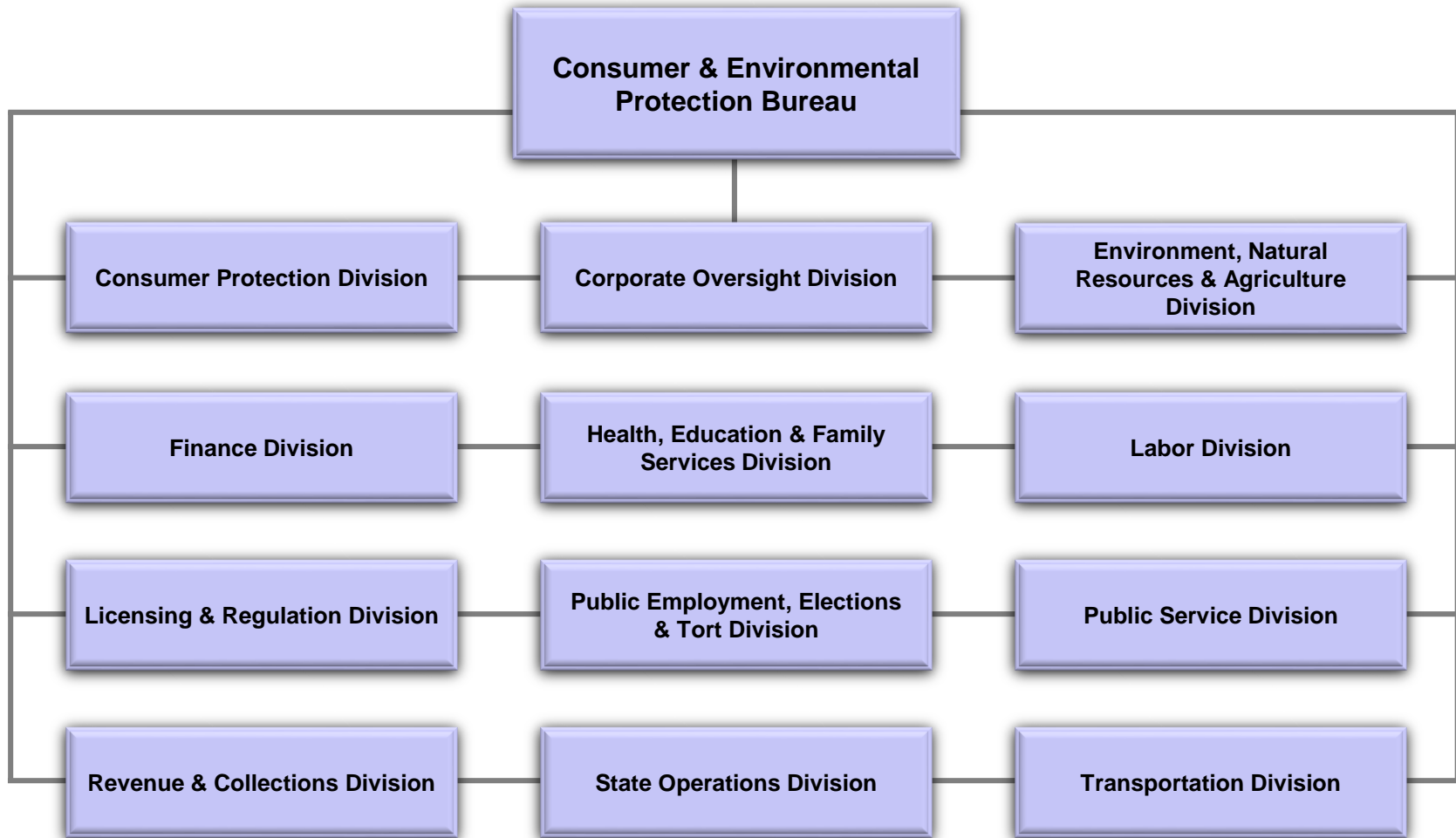
Prosecuting Attorneys Coordinating Council

- Autonomous agency responsible for ensuring a uniform system of conduct, duty, and procedure among prosecutors
- Publishes legal documents, manuals, and other materials on criminal prosecution and practices
- Provides prosecutors with updates on legislation and court procedure changes
- Provides research assistance
- Administers grant-funded services
- Coordinates statewide prosecution activities and office automation
- Provides continuing professional education

Attorney General Department Divisions



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